

Torrance, California
March 11, 1958

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, March 11, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by the City Clerk were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Building Superintendent Schlens led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend John Taylor of the First Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held March 4, 1958, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen reported that the presentation from the Torrance Area Youth Band would be postponed until later in the meeting at the request of the band officials.

Mayor Isen announced that the Council and other interested persons had discussed the plans for the El Retiro Branch Library with Mr. Varner earlier this evening, in an informal conference. The Library Board meets Monday evening at 7:30 in the main library, and he suggested that Mr. Varner meet with them to discuss these plans more fully.

Councilman Benstead moved that the plans be studied by the Library Board and that they prepare a recommendation to the Council.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the opening of Bids on the leasing of police cars.

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read the following bids, which are summarized here:

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>MODEL:</u>	<u>CENTS</u> <u>BID PER MILE:</u>
Vel's Ford Sales Co.	250 h.p. autos described	.06
1420 Cabrillo Ave.	280 h.p. autos described	.08½
Torrance, Calif.		
Paul's Chevrolet, Inc.	250 h.p. autos described	.06¼
1640 Cabrillo,	280 h.p. autos described	.08¼
Torrance, Calif.		

Councilman Jahn moved these bids be referred to the City Manager for study and recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

HEARINGS:1. HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2 - HEARING ON ASSESSMENT

City Clerk Bartlett presented the affidavits as to mailing, posting, and publication of notice of Hearing on the Assessment in Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 2.

Councilman Benstead moved these be received and filed.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place fixed for the hearing of appeals from or objections to any act or determination of the Street Superintendent or Engineer or the quality of work performed or the legality of additions to or omissions from the contract, or the correctness of the assessment or diagram.

Mayor Isen asked if any written protests had been filed.

City Clerk Bartlett replied that 10 had been received.

The City Attorney asked if all these protests had been received in the office of the City Clerk on or before March 10, 1958, the legal deadline for them.

The City Clerk replied that they had.

a. City Clerk Bartlett read in full the following protest: James E. Benedict, 251 Via la Circula, Redondo Beach, California, protested that his curbing had been broken during the construction of the sewer lateral, and that the cost for the sewer lateral was considered excessive.

Councilman Drale asked if the cost of the installation had been within the range set up by the Engineering Department.

City Engineer Bishop replied that it had, and the assessment had been spread by a formula.

Mayor Isen had read the replies to these protests and said all had been treated alike.

City Engineer Bishop agreed that all had been treated fairly. He reported he had investigated the break in the curb, and he thought it had been broken by the water company and not by the sewer contractor.

Councilman Jahn said the California Water Service serves that area, and if they had broken the curb they should repair it.

Councilman Jahn moved that Mr. Benedict's protest be disallowed.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMAN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Blount said he would want the break in the curb to be repaired.

Councilman Jahn moved the City repair the curb and send the bill to the California Water Service Company.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

b. City Clerk Bartlett read in full the following protest: Robert K. Downs, 316 Via Bonita, Redondo Beach, California, protested that he felt the cost of the assessment to him was too high.

Mayor Isen asked if Mr. Downs was present, but there was no reply.

City Engineer Bishop briefed his reply to Mr. Downs. He had explained to Mr. Downs that when the home connection is installed, the cost of his neighbor's installation will be about the same as the assessment to him.

Councilman Blount asked how many pieces of property make up this District, and Mr. Bishop said 695.

Councilman Blount asked how many laterals there were, and the City Engineer replied that there are 559; the other people just had y's and paid \$116.68 less than those who had laterals. He explained that \$116.68 was the average cost of the laterals, which vary from 8 to 60 feet in length. He believed the house connections would cause

the cost of each installation to be about the same.

City Engineer Bishop explained in detail how the assessment had been spread, which he stated was according to normal procedure.

Mayor Isen commented that with almost 700 assessments, there were only 10 protests, which seems to indicate that most of those participating are satisfied.

Mr. W. J. Hansen, 327 Paseo de Gracia, asked if some people had no laterals because they had easements going by the lots, and if this would cost more than the other.

City Engineer Bishop explained the easements were granted without cost to the City, and they had actually reduced the cost of the sewer. Had we not been granted those easements, the cost of the sewer would have been much higher.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny the protest from Mr. Robert K. Downs.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

c. City Clerk Bartlett read in full a protest from Ernest M. Dierl and Philippine G. Dierl, owners of Lot 8, Block K, Tract 10304, Assessment No. 380. They protested against the charge of \$116.68 for the lateral and demanded correction of a condition in their driveway which they believed to have been caused while a man-hole was installed for the sewer opposite the driveway.

City Engineer Bishop reported he had investigated the complaint about the driveway, and he did not believe the damage was due to the sewer installation. He explained that he believed if it had been, the curb would have settled, which has not been the case.

Councilman Jahn felt if there was any question, the contractor should repair this.

Councilman Drale agreed, and moved the contractor be requested to take care of this.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Drale moved to deny the protest of Ernest M. and Philippine G. Dierl.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

d. City Clerk Bartlett read in full the following protest: James Ford, 245 Paseo de Gracia, Redondo Beach, California, protested against the cost of the lateral into his property.

Mayor Isen asked if Mr. Ford were present, but there was no reply.

City Engineer Bishop explained that this was the average cost of the laterals.

Councilman Jahn moved to deny the protest of James Ford.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Drale asked if the people were notified of how this assessment would be spread, and the City Engineer replied that they would not normally be notified except through his letters. He added he had followed the legal procedure precisely and to the letter.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

H. M. Christopher, 148 Vista del Parque, was present, and asked to be heard. He asked for an explanation of the cost of the sewer.

City Engineer Bishop replied the average length of the laterals had been 26.28', and the average cost of installing the necessary laterals had been \$116.68. He added that the bid had been \$50,000 under the engineering estimate. It had worked out to a cost of \$3.50 per foot, and when weighed with other costs, this cost had been about \$4.40 per foot for a 26.28' lateral.

Mr. Christopher asked why the bid had been so high.

The City Engineer replied this bid had been lowest of about 20 bids. He explained that because of the bond market, the bids on 1911 Act sewers are usually higher, all over the State. He felt this bid had been in the lower middle range of such bids, and cited higher costs in other cities and the County.

Councilman Jahn explained that if the participants had paid cash for this installation, it could probably have been put in for less money, and gave details about how the contractor would handle the bonds.

City Engineer Bishop explained that the same charge had been made for each lateral, the average charge of \$116.68, because the benefit was the same regardless of the length of the lateral.

e. City Clerk Bartlett read in full the following protest:
Mrs. J. L. Vinzant, 36 Balboa Coves, Newport Beach, owner of Lot 11, Block K, Tract No. 10300, Assessment No. 96. She said Lots 10 and 11 are forever bound together as one parcel, and no sewer main of any kind was to be put to Lot 11. She protested the cost of the sewer.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny this protest.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

City Engineer Bishop explained that the total cost was spread equally among the lots.

Mayor Isen ordered the City Engineer's reply to be made a part of the record.

Motion to deny carried unanimously by roll call vote.

f. City Clerk Bartlett read in full the following protest:
F. A. Sherry, 22127 S. Avalon Blvd., re Assessment #389, Lot 3, Block C; the protest was against the cost of the lateral.

City Engineer Bishop explained that the laterals are only built on public property.

Councilman Jahn moved to deny this protest.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

g. City Clerk Bartlett read in full the following protest:
A. E. Geiser, Assessment #413, Tract 10302, Lot 27, Block C; Mr. Geiser protested that the charge for the lateral was too high, and he questioned whether the cost had been evenly spread.

Mr. Geiser was present, and protested orally against the cost of the sewer to him.

City Engineer Bishop explained this in detail, and that those people who did not have laterals were not charged for them.

Mr. Geiser thought the cost should have been the same to everyone whether they had a lateral or not.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny this protest.

Mr. Hansen, who had spoken to the Council previously, upheld Mr. Geiser's protest.

Councilman Jahn explained to these gentlemen that the work was done in the least expensive way possible, under a plan worked out for that purpose.

Mr. Joe Turner, 160 Vista del Parque, felt the cost of the lateral had nothing to do with the house connection.

City Engineer Bishop explained that under the formula used, the cost to everyone who uses this sewer will be about the same.

Mr. Turner asked where there had been a 60' lateral, saying he felt the cost of the lateral was high.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny the protest from Mr. Geiser.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

h. City Clerk Bartlett read in full a protest from the South Bay Community Christian School, 5922 Pacific Coast Highway, signed by A. F. Trier, concerning Block P, Tract 10300; the protest was made against the charge made for laterals for lots 36, 38, 41, and 47. Mr. Trier did not believe any laterals were installed on their property, and requested the charges be deleted from their assessment.

City Engineer Bishop referred to the Inspector's field book, saying each and every lateral as assessed was shown, and the length of the lateral is actually marked. This field record shows laterals to each separate lot on the Church property.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that each lot was to be charged equally.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny the protest from the South Bay Christian School.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Trier said he had written a letter to the City Engineer about these playground lots; the line was run about 8' inside the park, and he stated he did not believe there was a single lateral there. They do not object to paying for the main.

Councilman Jahn said if the school had asked not to have the laterals installed, and notified the City Engineer, the contractor should not have put them in.

City Engineer Bishop checked his inspector's field record, and said the laterals are shown as being there, and running from 11' to 16' in length.

Councilman Blount asked if the City Engineer had a record of the letter requesting that these laterals not be installed.

Mr. Trier said he had a copy of the letter, and had sent a copy to Mr. Patrick, with whom he had discussed this several times.

Mayor Isen moved to rescind the denial of this protest.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale asked who would pay for these laterals if the participant does not, and Mr. Trier said he had asked that they not be put in.

Mayor Isen thought an investigation will have to be made of this.

Councilman Blount moved the Hearing be continued to March 25, 1958, at 8:00 P. M.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen announced that the Hearing would be continued at the regular meeting of the Council on Tuesday, March 25, 1958, at 8:00 P.M.

At 9:00 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:10 P. M.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Assistant City Manager D. W. Mansfield introduced to the Council and the audience M. Siddique Chaudry, an official of the Pakistan government. Mr. Chaudry is here to study municipal administration, and will be in Torrance for about two months.

Mayor Isen welcomed Mr. Chaudry, saying that the Council will probably be very glad to hear from him his impressions before he leaves the City.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Jack Egan, Airport Manager for the City, introduced his assistant, Bill Critchfield.

Mayor Isen welcomed Mr. Critchfield to the official family of the City.

Mr. James Van Dyck, Director of the Torrance Area Youth Band, presented to the Council albums made of the concert given by the Band at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago at the Band Festival. These were a token of the appreciation of the youngsters for the financial aid given to them by the City. Mr. Van Dyck also presented to the City the plaque awarded to the Youth Band at the Festival. The albums Mr. Van Dyck gave each Councilman were accompanied by copies of the program.

Mayor Isen thanked Mr. Van Dyck and the Torrance Area Youth Band on behalf of the Council, and told them the Council was happy to learn of the success of the trip the Band had taken.

HEARINGS:

2. CASE NO. 478: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of Case 478 at its third and final hearing before the City Council on petition of Chacksfield Realty Co., Inc., for a Change of Zone on Tentative Tract No. 24330, being the portion of land south of 186th St., north of the San Diego Freeway (right-of-way), from 103' east of St. Andrews' Place to the center line of Gramercy Place, from A-1 (light agricultural) to R-1 (single-family residential). This was accompanied by:
 - a. Location sketch
 - b. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of February 5, 1958.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the third and final Hearing on Case No. 478, and asked if anyone wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Hearing on Cases No. 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, and 483, all of which were to be heard tonight.

Councilman Jahn moved all these be received and filed.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing on Case No. 478.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn and there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and to direct that the necessary Ordinance be drawn.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. CASE NO. 479: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of petition of Planning Commission for a Change of Zone on all of Tract 21744, situated on the east side of Prairie Avenue between 183rd St. and 186th St. in North Torrance, from A-1 to R-1 to conform to its present use. This accompanied by:
 - a. Location sketch.
 - b. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of Feb. 5, 1958.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the third and final hearing before the City Council on Case No. 479. He asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved this hearing be closed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval, and that the necessary Ordinance be drawn.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. CASE NO. 480: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommended approval of their petition for a Change of Zone on a portion of Lot 16, all of Lots 17 through 33 inclusive and the easterly 35 feet (plus or minus) of Lots 40 through 53 of Tract 20019 from R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) to R-1 (Single Family Residential); and a Change of Zone on all of Lots 34 and 35 and the easterly 35' of Lots 37 through 39 of Tract 20019 from C-2 (General Commercial) to R-1, situated on the west side of Arlington Avenue between the alley

south of Redondo Beach Boulevard and 164th St. in North Torrance, to conform to present use. Attached were:

- a. Location sketch;
- b. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of Feb. 5, 1958.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the third and final hearing on Case 480. He asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation for approval, and that the proper Ordinance be drawn.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. CASE NO. 481: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommended approval of their petition for a Change of Zone on all of Tract 22762, located on the south side of 237th St. between Cypress and Pennsylvania in South Torrance from A-1 to R-1, to conform to present use. Attached were:
 - a. Location sketch;
 - b. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of Feb. 5, 1958.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the third and final hearing on Case 481. He asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved to close the Hearing.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and that the proper Ordinance be drawn.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. CASE NO. 482: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommended approval of their petition for a Change of Zone on all of Tracts 22495 and 20252, situated on the west side of Arlington Ave., between Dominguez Channel and 170th St. in North Torrance from A-1 to R-1 to conform to its present use. Attached were: Location sketch, and
 - b. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of Feb. 5, 1958.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the third and final hearing on Case No. 482, and asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved to close this hearing.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation from the Planning Commission and that the necessary Ordinance be drawn.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

7. CASE NO. 483: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommended approval of their petition for a Change of Zone on all of Tract No. 19835, situated on the west side of Arlington Ave. and 171st St. in North Torrance, from A-1 to R-1, to conform to its present use. Accompanied by
 - a. Location sketch;
 - b. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of Feb. 5, 1958.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the third and final hearing on Case No. 483. He asked if anyone present wished to

be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval, and that the proper Ordinance be drawn.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The claim of Norris Pippins for alleged injury and damages incurred on February 1, 1958, in an accident involving a City bus and vehicle was presented by Murray Goldstein, 215 W. 5th St., Los Angeles 13, attorney for the plaintiff.

Councilman Jahn moved to deny this claim.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A March 6, 1958, letter from American Aviation Associates signed by Brian B. Markley, asked for a 90-day option on a plot of ground at the Torrance Airport for the erection of a motel and restaurant. They stated they are prepared to pay \$1,000 for the option, and outlined their offer.

Councilman Jahn asked this be considered with the recommendation from the Airport Commission concerning their application.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

3. A March 5, 1958, letter from the South Torrance Lions Club, signed by Lion Tom Abrams, requested permission to use the northwest corner of Crenshaw and Highway 101, known as the Hody lease, for a 4th of July fireworks booth. Submitted with the letter was a letter from Hody's, granting them permission for this use if the City would permit it.

Councilman Benstead moved to grant this request on condition they conform with the ordinance in all respects.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. A March 3, 1958, letter from Mayor Norris Poulson of Los Angeles invited the Mayor of Torrance to participate in the United States Conference of Mayors.

Councilman Drale moved to table this for next year's budget hearings.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

5. A March 3, 1958, letter from the Torrance Unified School District, signed by Max M. Appleby, thanked the Mayor for the consideration of a "Junior Citizen's Day" program on April 22, 1958, and extended their regret that it would not be possible to participate in this during the Spring semester.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed as a matter of record.

6. A March 4, 1958, letter from the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, signed by B. Kenneth Gibson, Manager, congratulated the City upon the employment of a manager for the Airport, and hoped for future cooperation in elimination of those matters at the Airport which cause the citizens of Lomita to object to the operation.

Councilman Jahn moved to refer this to the Airport Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. A March 7, 1958, letter from the City Manager submitted an itemized list of bidders on fire hose and fire department equipment, as referred to the City Manager at the last Council meeting for study.

The City Manager concurred in the recommendations of the Fire Chief in awarding the bid to the firm submitting the lowest bid on products which meet the specifications.

Councilman Benstead moved that bids be rejected, and new bids be called for.

Councilman Jahn referred to the itemized list, and asked whether the samples submitted were tested.

The City Manager did not have that information.

Mayor Isen seconded Councilman Benstead's motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

2. A March 7, 1958, letter from the City Manager read as follows:

"Due to the extended time required to complete the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 2, the time element being beyond the control of Barnett, Hopen and Smith, I recommend that their request for increased compensation, effective January 1, 1958, be granted in accordance with the recommendation of City Engineer Bishop as outlined below, and subject to the approval of the City Attorney."

A copy of a memorandum to the City Manager from City Engineer Bishop, dated March 6, 1958, was appended, and read as follows:

"The City has a contract with Barnett, Hopen & Smith for engineering services on the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 2 at \$4.50 per man hour. This contract was authorized by City of Torrance Resolution No. 2679 adopted January 25, 1955. In said contract our Pasadena engineers estimate that the cost of the proceedings necessary to bring about a consummation of the bond issue shall not exceed the sum of \$3,900.00. Because these proceedings involved a period of several years, the basic rate for engineering services has risen to \$5.50 per man hour. The engineering company asks that they be allowed this \$5.50 per man hour for work done after January 1, 1958. Because all other current and recent improvement districts have had this \$5.50 rate, the Pasadena engineers inadvertently billed us for January and February at said rate for Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 2. In checking these bills, I overlooked this error and approved them and they have been paid. Also, the estimated cost of proceedings for the purpose of calculating the assessment was based on this higher rate for work done this year.

In view of the rise in engineering costs since 1955, I recommend that the request of Barnett, Hopen & Smith be allowed. For your information, the January and February invoices of Barnett, Hopen & Smith, using the \$5.50 rate, totaled \$88.25 more than if the \$4.50 rate had been used. I have been assured by Barnett, Hopen & Smith that the total cost for proceedings will very likely be well within the \$3,900 estimated ceiling mentioned in the contract."

Councilman Benstead asked if we had accepted this at the \$4.50 rate, and the City Manager said we had.

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The City Manager explained they had bid on the entire area as one District, and it had been broken down into three Districts. All later bids have been at the \$5.50 rate. He stated that the total price was still within the estimate.

Councilman Drale moved we pay the additional charge from January 1, 1958, to the present time.

The City Manager said that was all they asked. They submitted the original bid in December of 1954.

Mayor Isen questioned whether they would have made a similar adjustment in our favor if the costs had fallen.

The City Manager said we must consider first whether this would be legal.

Councilman Jahn said it had already been paid.

Councilman Benstead said we could ask for a refund of the money.

Councilman Jahn moved to refer this to the City Attorney for investigation and a report.

The City Attorney said he could report now that this would not be legal.

Councilman Blount asked who would get the money back.

The City Attorney said our Finance Officer could bill them for it.

Councilman Benstead moved that the Finance Officer bill them for a refund of this money.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

3. A March 7, 1958, letter from the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for Council consideration and approval:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of 4,000# of gutter broom wire for street sweepers at 33¢ per pound, the sum of \$1,320 plus sales tax. Bids were taken from two dealers that supply gutter broom wire and California Brush Company was the low bidder in the above amount. (Budget Item).
2. For the purchase of six 900:20, 10-ply, heavy-duty truck tires from Firestone for Fire Engine No. 2, the sum of \$369.82, including trade-in allowance for old tires. This is the lowest of three bids obtained.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with recommendations 1 and 2 of the City Manager under Appropriations.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BY BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. A March 3, 1958, letter from Ernest J. Ballif and Eugene E. Ballif, owners of 2302-2316 Redondo Beach Blvd., Torrance, contained their request to erect a neon sign 30' in height, top section 3' x 12', bottom section 30" x 11', in double faced neon, with a 12' arrow.

A comment from Supt. of Bldg. Lee Schlens was appended, and said this is a free-standing neon sign over 42 sq. ft., and requires Council approval.

Councilman Jahn asked if a sketch of this was available, and Mr. Schlens presented one.

Mr. Schlens said there is a small shopping center there, and they wish to have the sign to call attention to it.

Mayor Isen moved the request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A March 7, 1958, letter from Blanche McVicar, 2120 Gramercy Ave., contained a request for refund of part of a business license fee in the amount of \$24.00 for the year 1958, due to the illness of her husband.

A memo from License Inspector Whitacre was appended, and reported that he could not recommend a refund as the Code would not permit refunding an unused license fee.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with License Inspector Whitacre's recommendation for denial.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. In a letter dated March 3, 1958, City Engineer Bishop recommended release of Bond No. 521077-LA on Tract No. 22413, in the amount of \$47,000 to the subdivider, Anderson-Janssen.

A March 3 letter from C. W. Clemmer, Asst. Park Supt., which was attached, concurred in the recommendation.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer to release this bond.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A March 3, 1958, letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, recommended refund of Bond No. 1745889 on Tract No. 22712 in the amount of \$61,700 to the subdivider, Grand Land Co., (R. A. Watt).

A March 3, 1958, letter from C. W. Clemmer, Asst. Park Supt., was attached, and reported that the parkway trees in the tract meet our specifications.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer, and to release this bond.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. A March 7, 1958, letter from Jack R. Egan, Airport Superintendent, replied to the matter referred to him by the Council at their last meeting concerning the Vegas Airways request for a service frequency on 123.0 mcs. Mr. Egan reviewed this, and said 'a year-to-year assignment with a 90-day recall by the City is suggested.'

Councilman Drale moved to retain the frequency for the use of the City.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Jahn said he had talked to Mr. Egan about this, and he moved a substitute motion, which he read as follows:

"I move that the frequency 123.0 mcs be allotted to Vegas Airways Inc. as the sole operator for Advisory Station Licensing purpose as a revocable item with a term of no less than one year, with a 90-day notice of revocation. Such revocation to be based on the frequency to be used by the City of Torrance for its own use and/or inadequacy of service rendered on this frequency. The frequency of 123.0 mcs will be used by Vegas Airways on a completely impartial basis as to all services requested. Terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be subject to review each calendar year; such review to include but not be limited to Ground Services and related items".

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

In reply to a question, Mr. Egan said he had studied this and it meets the City's interests very well.

In response to a question, Mr. Pate from Vegas Airways said they would gladly accept this.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale said he had voted against this because he felt the City should maintain this frequency.

Councilman Jahn felt this would actually serve the City, as we can take it back upon 90 days' notice, and in the meantime it will not be necessary for us to man the service.

Mayor Isen thought the recommendation of the Airport Manager should be followed.

Councilman Drale asked to have Mr. Egan's letter read in full, and the City Clerk read it.

Councilman Jahn thought the motion he had made was very well correlated with the letter from Mr. Egan.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Pate from Vegas Airways if he could call from the air for service from people on the Airport other than Vegas and get it through this frequency.

The Vegas representative said he could.

The letter from Mr. Egan was ordered filed as a matter of record.

2. A March 7, 1958, letter from Jack Egan, Airport Superintendent reported to the Council that, in conformance with their request made at their March 4, 1958, meeting, he had contacted Catalina Airlines and arranged for them to discharge passengers in the vicinity of the entrance road.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed.

Councilman Jahn thanked Mr. Egan for doing this.

3. A February 28, 1958, letter from the Airport Commission, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, contained the following recommendation:

"Commissioner Herrick moved to recommend to the City Council that Black & Markley be given a 90-day option as recommended previously, with them to make a deposit of \$350 as an evidence of good faith; if they pick up the option at the end of the 90 days, this deposit is to apply toward the first three months' rental, and if they do not pick up the option, the deposit is to be refunded.

"Motion, seconded by Commissioner White, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Neal, Simpson absent)."

Councilman Jahn said the Airport Committee had entertained another request for a hotel-motel, and he thought a report should be made by that Committee. He had such a report typed up.

Mayor Isen instructed that Item H-2 on this Agenda, from American Aviation Associates (Black & Markley), be considered in connection with this item, having been deferred from that section of the Agenda.

Mayor Isen suggested that these items be held for study by the Committee and report back next week.

Councilman Jahn did not agree, and said he felt this report should be read, and then the Council could decide whether to study this or not.

Councilman Benstead thought this deserved study.

Councilman Blount said he had a question in his mind as to whether the Council intended to follow the Commission's policy of consideration in 'chronological order', or whether the Council would consider the requests as they come to the Council. He felt a precedent should be set.

Councilman Drale asked if the Commission had acted on this request.

The City Manager said they have.

Mayor Isen felt there should be a special meeting about this, and asked if Friday at 5:00 P. M. would serve.

The Councilmen did not feel they could make such a meeting.

Councilman Jahn said Mr. E. E. Wilson's request had come here and been sent to the Committee; if this should be referred to them for study, that would be all right. He felt that discussion might warrant not sending this to Committee.

Mayor Isen pointed out that Mr. Wilson's proposal is based on there being no other hotels at the Airport.

Councilman Blount pointed out that Mr. Wilson's proposal had come directly to the Council, but the Black & Markley proposal had been on record with the Commission for more than 2 years prior to the Wilson proposal. He asked whether the Council is going to decide whether to take these application in chronological order or as they come to the Council.

Councilman Benstead said he was of the opinion that the Council had decided to deal with the people who were ready to deposit cash with their offers.

Mr. Black was in the audience, and said he had the money with him to deposit, and was ready to make such a deposit.

Mayor Isen thought the recommendation meant that the money on deposit in this case would apply toward the rent, whereas he believed in the other cases where deposits had been accepted they paid for the option.

Commissioner Robert Herrick of the Airport Commission said he had made this motion at the Commission meeting, and the proposal was based on the minutes of a Council meeting concerning one of the options considered, and the deposit required for it.

Commissioner Herrick said the Commission had done much work on this.

Councilman Jahn felt these people would get their money back if an option is not worked out.

Commissioner Herrick agreed; he said they would not lose their deposit if they did not get the lease under this recommendation. He said the others who had been here had such a clause from the Council. He felt all should be treated alike.

Mayor Isen felt if the lease was not worked out, the money for the option should belong to the City.

Commissioner Herrick pointed out that to have the option, the terms of the lease must be stated in the option. He said the terms of the lease were not prepared.

Mayor Isen said when the terms of the lease were determined, the option begins and the money should belong to the City.

Commissioner Herrick said Messrs. Black and Markley were satisfied to make a deposit which would not be returned if the lease was not consummated. If the action of the Commission is to delay them longer, he felt it should be straightened out. He said this has been delayed several times now.

Mayor Isen felt the policy of order of consideration should be determined.

Councilman Benstead said this was confusing. He said he would like to know just what the Black & Markley, or American Aviation Associates, offer is.

Councilman Jahn recalled that the Council had held a meeting with the Commission, and had agreed to go down the list of applicants for leases, and if an applicant was not ready to go ahead and make a lease at once, we would go on down the list; that had been the tentative policy set.

Councilman Jahn referred to the offer from E. E. Wilson, which he had in his folder. He outlined the terms of it, and said the City would come out about \$5100 ahead on this in a few years. He said the Committee which considered this application consisted of Mayor Isen, Councilman Drale, himself, the City Manager, Airport Manager.

Councilman Drale said he had left the meeting early and did not know enough about the parking areas, utility installations, etc., or how the cost of these would be distributed.

Councilman Jahn said that those points had been worked out, and it was found the deposit of \$12,500 would cover that cost.

Councilman Blount said he thought this should be presented to the Council for study.

Mayor Isen said the two proposals are in conflict with each other.

Councilman Drale moved that copies of the E. E. Wilson proposal be prepared and sent to each member of the Council for study, and that the Council also study the offer from Black & Markley.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Drale said he had left the meeting on the Wilson proposal before it was concluded, and he did not agree to approve it.

Mayor Isen said it had been agreed upon before Councilman Drale left the meeting, and so had Councilman Jahn thought this was the case.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. A March 6, 1958, letter from Planning Director Powell submitted to the Council the Commission's recommendation on Case No. 486, for the date of the Third and Final Hearing to be set.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set the date of the Third and Final Hearing on Case No. 486 as March 25, 1958, at 8:00 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. In a memorandum dated March 7, 1958, Chief of Police Percy Bennett replied to the Council's referral concerning the complaint from Mrs. A. R. Spangler about parking in the alley between Cota and Amapola Streets. He reported an investigation has been made and there are no other complaints. Mrs. Spangler is going to move very soon.

The Traffic Commission recommends no action in the matter.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed as a matter of record.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. As directed by the City Council, the City Attorney presented his opinion re Charter Amendment providing for the election of a City Attorney to be placed on June 3, 1958, State-wide Primary. The letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer was dated March 6, 1958, and the City Attorney gave the Council his opinion that this may be done. He reported the action which must be taken to do this.

Mayor Isen asked if any of the interested parties from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association were present, saying they had suggested this.

There was no reply.

Councilman Benstead did not like this suggestion, and thought the letter should be filed.

Councilman Jahn moved the letter be filed as a matter of record.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn gave his reasons for the motion as follows:

- a. If the City Attorney were elected, he could be here or not, as he wished;
- b. If reports or opinions were needed by the Council, he would not be required to give them and he could be here or not as he wishes;
- c. He could be as arbitrary as he wished about opinions or anything else;
- d. Councilman Jahn felt this would be foolhardy action.

Councilman Benstead said a 'fast shyster' could be elected, and we would be sorry. He felt this would create a political job, and he did not think it would be right.

Councilman Blount felt this would be good for us, saying we are growing up and many large cities follow this practice. Councilman Blount pointed out that there are punitive measures which can be taken against elective officials who do not fulfill their jobs. He thought this should be on the ballot.

Councilman Drale thought the more elective officials we have the better it would be for the City.

Mayor Isen said the Council represented the people, but the office of the City Attorney is created so the City Attorney will give legal advise for the City, to the Council, and to other members of the official family to do their jobs. If we had a situation such as has been the case in neighboring cities, we would have no control over

the attorney. Cities who have this have not been satisfied. Mayor Isen felt this would set good government back if made an elective office.

Motion to file the letter as a matter of record carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

2. As directed by the Council at their March 4 meeting, the City Attorney, in a memorandum dated March 6, 1958, gave his opinion regarding City employees taking an active part in the campaign for the Park & Recreation Bond Issue.

City Clerk Bartlett read this in full. The City Attorney stated that in his opinion, City employees may not actively participate in the election so as to attempt to influence the electorate to vote for or against the bond measure, but they may give information thereon in an impartial manner to the electorate.

Councilman Jahn believed that the City employees might say whatever they pleased about this when they were not at work, but the City Attorney said the Charter and Code do not make any exception for the time City employees are not at work. He assumed that the prohibition existed for 24 hours a day.

The City Attorney pointed out that an employee might give information and facts, but not attempt to influence voters.

Councilman Jahn felt that if any City employee, on his own time, wished to discuss matters of this nature, it was his own affair. If that is against the law, Councilman Jahn felt the law should be changed.

Mayor Isen asked if an employee of the Recreation Department could give basic information, and the City Attorney said yes.

Mayor Isen asked if this could be done at public meetings, and the City Attorney said it could.

Mayor Isen asked if such an employee could discuss the probable location of the proposed park sites, the anticipated costs, etc., and the City Attorney said yes.

Mayor Isen asked if this meant that as long as the City's employees stick to facts and information, they may discuss this, and the City Attorney said yes.

Councilman Jahn said the Council had not yet adopted a basic policy on this, and asked whether it is our intent to follow the plan the City had at the time of the Special Election in October.

The City Manager said the Council has taken no action on that; no policy has been established. To the best of his recollection, the majority of the City Council approved the sites inspected and it was generally agreed by them that about one million dollars would be spent to improve the present park sites and about two million dollars would be used for acquiring new sites.

Councilman Drale asked if Mr. Van Bellehem had information available as to the plan submitted to the voters at the Special Election, and if he were empowered to give that information to the public, saying he would move that the information be made available and part of the record, and that Mr. Van Bellehem be allowed to disseminate that information.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Jahn asked whether Councilman Drale meant that we would use the same pattern submitted at the Special Election for this bond issue.

Councilman Drale said he felt any information should be made available, for instance, the location of the land proposed for park sites, the cost of the land, how the money would be spent for park improvements, etc.

Councilman Benstead did not think anyone could say how much the land would cost, and Councilman Drale replied that he felt an approximate cost could be given.

Councilman Jahn said the Council had not instructed anyone to prepare such information, and that no one but the Council had the

authority to set such policy. He felt the Council should state the plan that is being formulated for this bond issue, saying we should state what we plan to place before the public.

Mayor Isen suggested that Mr. Van Bellehem present to the Council at 5:00 P. M. next Tuesday, before the regular meeting of the Council, that material which was prepared for the last bond issue. The Council could consider that with him, and establish the policy during the Council meeting.

Councilman Drale so amended his motion, and Councilman Blount accepted the amendment in his second to the motion.

Councilman Jahn asked whether we were considering a number of small neighborhood parks, or one large park, saying he would want to know and he felt Mr. Van Bellehem should be instructed.

Councilman Blount said he would favor small neighborhood parks.

Mrs. Bisou, who has been working on this issue, said the petitions were presented to the public on the matter as presented at the Special Election in the fall.

A gentleman in the audience asked if this meant that Mr. Van Bellehem would present recommendations to the Council for approval, and that those recommendations which were approved would be presented on the ballot.

The Mayor said yes.

Councilman Jahn said he felt certain of the small parks suggested before had not been approved by the voters, and Mayor Isen suggested waiting for Mr. Van Bellehem's report before any definite action is taken.

Mrs. Bisou asked if the Council considered changing the plan presented last fall, and Mayor Isen replied this is being discussed so the public will understand what is being presented.

Mrs. Bisou felt the former plan should be approved. She asked if it followed the 'Gold Report', and Councilman Jahn said that had not been followed in its entirety.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A lady asked if the City employees might not help with the presentation of this to the public, saying a lot of work would be needed.

Mayor Isen said the employees may give information to the public, even at meetings, but may not try to influence the voters.

At 10:40 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 10:50 P. M.

3. With a letter dated March 6, 1958, the City Attorney submitted for study only the Rabies Ordinance as rewritten.

REPORTS:

1. The office of the City Clerk reported that the report of the General Manager and Chief Engineer and the report of the Controller for the Metropolitan Water District covering the month of January, 1958, are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS:

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3427

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MARICOPA STREET AND THE NORTH TORRANCE TRUNK SEWERS.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3427.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

1. With a cover letter dated March 7, 1958, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance 955, which had been unanimously approved by the Council at its first reading on March 4, 1958. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 955

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNEXATION TO THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY, DESIGNATED AS "HOWARD INDUSTRIAL ADDITION TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE", IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF "ANNEXATION OF UNINHABITED TERRITORY ACT OF 1939".

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 955 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. With a cover letter dated March 6, 1958, the City Attorney submitted Ordinance No. 956 for its second reading. The revisions asked by the Council at the first reading of the Ordinance had been made.

The City Attorney suggested to the Council that because of the changes which have been made, this be approved as at a first reading, and that another reading be held.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 956

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 12.21 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 883) SETTING FORTH THE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSEES FOR THE SALE OF FIREWORKS AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN AMERGENCY: AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 956 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. With a cover letter dated March 7, 1958, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 957, which was unanimously approved by the Council at the time of its first reading on March 4, 1958.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 957

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CERTAIN SECTIONS TO CHAPTER 1 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR APPEALS FROM DENIAL OF A PERMIT.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 957.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 957 at its second reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. With a cover letter dated March 7, 1958, the City Attorney submitted a traffic ordinance requested by the Council at their meeting of February 25, 1958.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO 958

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 958 at its first and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. With a letter dated February 27, 1958, the City Attorney submitted an ordinance which was requested by Mayor Isen at the Council meeting of February 4, 1958, to include mosquitoes in the pest harborage prohibition.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 959

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 14.37 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROHIBITING PEST HARBORAGE AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for approval of Ordinance No. 959 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of March 9th to March 15th, 1958, as GIRL SCOUT WEEK IN TORRANCE and commended the South Bay Council of Girl Scouts for their moral and patriotic activity.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The City Manager reported the Airport Commissioner John Simpson had been forced to miss the last two meetings of the Commission, and would be forced to miss the next one as well. Mr. Simpson had asked for Council approval of his absence.

Councilman Drale moved to grant Mr. Simpson's request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

The City Manager reported that next Monday is Business, Industry and Education Day, being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. We will have 25 school teachers as visitors that day, arriving at about ten o'clock in the morning. He suggested that the Mayor and such Councilmen as can arrange to be present do so, staying for lunch if possible.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to have reminders sent to him and the members of the Council.

The City Manager presented to the Council for consideration the final plans for the new City Yard.

City Manager Stevens recommended the plans and specifications as prepared by our Building and Engineering Departments for the building at the new City Yard be approved, and that we be authorized to call for bids.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead reported that the hose drying rack at the North Torrance Fire Station is in the open and the children in the area play on it. It is dangerous and should be barricaded in some manner, and he so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

In response to a question, the City Manager said fencing high enough to keep the children away would probably be the best solution.

Councilman Benstead amended his motion to specify that it be so fenced.

Amendment accepted in the second to the motion by Councilman Drale.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount recalled that there had been a request from a taxi company to have a stand in North Torrance. A local taxi company had said they would put such a stand there. He asked that the License Inspector report as to whether or not they have done so.

Councilman Blount asked the Council's permission to request a report from Planning Director Powell on the Merkle case.

Planning Director Powell reported that at the Staff meeting held on Monday morning of this week, this had been discussed, and it had been suggested this easement from Mr. Merkle be accepted as a utility easement. He explained the Staff action to the Council by saying the street could only be 22' wide, and would be about 400' long, running from 227th Street to the inundated area.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the Staff suggestion, and that the City put some type of pavement on the easement.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn asked if paving could go on the existing level, and Councilman Benstead said yes.

Councilman Blount did not agree with the motion.

Councilman Benstead withdrew his second to the motion, and asked Councilman Blount his reasons for not liking the motion.

Councilman Blount felt that if this is graded and paved, the area will become more desirable to live in, and more houses will be built there; the area is quite low, and there is trouble there during heavy rains. He suggested that instead of paving, the street be graded and filled just enough to allow traffic during flood periods.

Councilman Benstead asked if that was the staff suggestion.

Councilman Drale did not see what difference this would make.

Councilman Blount said if we needed to widen the street to service more homes there, we would have to buy the land.

Councilman Drale said the road should have some surface, and asked if there would be any objection to putting gravel on it.

Councilman Jahn thought gravel would serve.

Councilman Drale withdrew his motion.

Councilman Blount moved Mr. Merkle's offer of a 22' easement be accepted as an access or utility easement, and that the street department be notified to handle the matter in a way which will provide access to the houses there during floods.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn pointed out the trouble in that area during rains, and said he would like to specify that there be no more houses along there until that is a full street.

Councilman Drale did not agree.

Councilman Benstead asked why this had not come to the Council as a recommendation from the Staff.

Councilman Blount said they had held their meeting just yesterday morning, and he had checked this item.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn said when this becomes a full width street, he would not object to more building in the area.

Mayor Isen suggested two Resolutions, as follows:

a. A Resolution honoring the 'Candy Strippers', a group of high school students who do voluntary work at the Harbor General Hospital, and

b. A Resolution honoring Troop 728 of the Boy Scouts, because of the many civic projects they have carried out.

Mayor Isen moved that those two Resolutions be prepared.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen gave the City Attorney material on these two groups.

Mayor Isen said he had received many complaints from people who state they do not use the City's rubbish pickup, and who do not believe they should be charged for the service. The Mayor suggested that if these people are prepared to make an affidavit to the effect that they do not use this service, they not be charged. He so moved.

Councilman Blount did not agree that this could be the case, saying that each home has material which must be disposed of in some fashion.

Councilman Drale suggested complete elimination of the charge.

Mayor Isen cited the reasons why this cannot be done, and pointed out that this service is provided very cheaply to the residents of the City.

Councilman Jahn said people who do not use the pickup service must be either hauling the material to the dump themselves, burning it in their fireplaces, flushing it into the sewers, or burying it in their yards. He said he would not favor waiving the fee.

Mrs. Giacinto, 2750 W. 178th Street, spoke to the Council, saying she has a contractor pick up her trash. She told the Council how they picked up the trash and what their charges are.

Mayor Isen said there probably would not be more than a dozen people in the City who would object to this charge, and said he would bring it up again.

Mrs. Giacinto, 2750 W. 178th St., told the Council she had not been able to find a place to move to as yet, and that she still has her cheetah. She has put her home on the market to sell, and will move away from Torrance when the house is sold. She said they keep the cheetah in a locked room, and it cannot leave that room unless she takes it out on a leash. They use this animal in movie work. She asked to be allowed to keep the cheetah until the house is sold.

Councilman Jahn moved she be allowed to keep the animal for another 30 days.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Drale said he would favor giving her this 30-day time extension, but that he would not approve another, as this means 45 days have been granted to her.

Motion to grant the 30-day extension carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 P. M.


A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of
Torrance, California

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance